

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Amjad Ali, <i>et al.</i>	Art Unit: 1612
Serial No.:	10/540,757	
Case No.:	21158P	
Filing Date:	June 23, 2005	
For:	17-CARBAMOYLOXY CORTISOL DERIVATIVES AS SELECTIVE GLUCOCORTICOID RECEPTOR MODULATORS	

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

There is an outstanding Office Action mailed on February 06, 2009 setting forth a one-month or thirty-day period for response which expires on March 08, 2009.

In the Office Action, the Examiner appeared to require that Applicants elect a single invention between Group I and Group II. Specifically, the Examiner stated:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions.

Group II, claim(s) 12-16, drawn to various method of using the claimed compounds.

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However, the Examiner also appeared to suggest that the instant compounds (of Group I) can be further divided into sub-groups. In particular, the Examiner stated: